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## Consent agenda speeds up ATM

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Moderator Joshua Smith put 17 articles forth on a consent agenda.

He said a consent agenda took a bunch of articles, which are probably not going to have debate, to be voted without discussion. A single voter could call a hold on any of the articles if he or she deemed it needed discussion.

Before the start of the annual town meeting June 15, the moderator recognized Dennis Fleming. Fleming asked for a moment of silence for Frank LaRange, who recently died. Moderator Smith recognized town counsel James Baird for 50 years of service as Barre's town counsel. Attorney Baird said he hoped to be appointed for one more year.

Consent agenda items included transfers of \$624,478 to the water enterprise and \$804,745 to the sewer enterprise account, transfer of \$425,000 ambulance receipts reserve to the FY 22 Omnibus Budget, fix salaries/compensations and raise and appropriate \$5,860,911.48 for the Omnibus budget, raise and appropriate a total \$6,200,769 for schools (\$5,773,358 Quabbin Regional School District, \$380,831 Monty Tech and \$46,580 QRSD debt service), raise and appropriate \$4,000 for assessors recertification of properties and transfer \$25,000 from PEG access funds to operate town cable. Other consent agenda articles were setting revolving fund amounts, transferring \$33,572 from free cash to FY 21 snow removal overtime, transferring \$45,570 from free cash to FY 21 snow removal expenses, \$1,000 from free cash for Wachusett Greenways trails, accepting Chapter 90 funds, raise and appropriate \$15,000 and transfer \$10,000 free cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits, transfer \$2,199 from the 225th anniversary celebration account to the 250th celebration and transfer

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## Cub Scouts hold Treasure Valley campout



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North Brookfield Cub Scout Pack 128 held a campout at Treasure Valley the first weekend in June and cooked a full breakfast.



Members of Cub Scout Pack 128 got to work cooking.

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Cub Scout Pack 128 went out to Treasure Valley for a campout weekend June 4 through June 6. The Webelos group stayed over starting on Friday night and cooked breakfast Saturday morning before heading out on their three-mile hike. This finished up a couple requirements for them.

Saturday afternoon the rest of the pack joined them at camp for a scavenger hunt around the camp, dinner, fireside rank advancement ceremony and a group night hike. Everyone enjoyed a light breakfast on Sunday morning and then packed up to head home.



Scouts check out a stream during their three-mile hike.

## Selectmen approve Eagle Scout project

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Hunter Casey, a Boy Scout, attended the Monday night selectmen's meeting to request permission for his Eagle Scout project.

Scout Casey selected landscaping and gardening of the Barre Common. He said he planned to replace annuals in the current flower bed with perennials, weed, cut down some pine trees and replace with another type of tree, put down mulch and remove moss.

Selectman Maureen Marshall said he selected an ambitious project. She offered to help him write a grant with the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation to help cover the cost of his project. Selectmen said for him to work with the tree warden on tree removal and to keep in touch with the board of selectmen through town administrator, Jessica Sizer. Selectman chair Gregory O'Sullivan signed his project request.

### Green burial

Selectmen continued the hearing with the Cemetery Commissioners regarding rules for green burial in town. Currently, there are only

two or three green burial sites in the state. Selectmen approved the rules as put forth by the Cemetery Commission for green burial.

### Waive right of first refusal

The board of selectmen also waived the right of first refusal for a piece of land owned by Richard and Irene Stevens of Old Coldbrook Road, currently in Chapter 61A.

### EMS agreement with Hardwick

Selectmen received the EMS agreement with the town of Hardwick. Barre and Hardwick Town Counsels approved the contract draft. Selectman O'Sullivan said he did not see in the contract any reference for additional costs if Hardwick went over 100 EMS calls in a year. The town administrator said there were no figures to reference since it was the first year. Selectmen Dylan Clark and Marshall approved the contract; O'Sullivan abstained as he was a call firefighter.

### MART services

The board of selectmen also approved the use of Montachusett

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## ATM concludes in 30 minutes

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Roughly 50 voters attend the Annual Town Meeting this past Saturday at Hardwick Elementary School, making quick work of the 19-article warrant.

Moderator Ryan J. Witkos called the 283rd ATM to order and gave recognition to the newly-recognized Juneteenth holiday. A moment of silence was held to remember Ed Banas and Charles Lowell, both of whom passed away in 2020.

Most of the articles carried, including the fiscal 2022 budget of \$5,899,933.13, which includes a \$10,000 overlay. The fiscal 2022 budget was a 5.9% increase over fiscal 2021. Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Julie Quink explained that the town had to cut its fiscal 2021 budget significantly, and this increase brought them to a safe operating budget. Voters also approved the transfer of \$35,800

from free cash to purchase a generator for the Hardwick Fire Department. This amount of money will be reimbursed to the town through a federal grant.

Quink took a moment to recognize Dr. Gerald Paist, superintendent of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer, of which Hardwick is a member town. He has been a superintendent for over five decades and will be enjoying "re-wirement," as opposed to retirement, Quink said. Quink introduced his successor, Eric Duda, Pathfinder's current Assistant Superintendent. Paist thanked Quink for her kind words and gave a brief history of Pathfinder's journey from a four-town school district to a nine-town district.

Board of Selectmen Chair Kelly Kemp said it has been a trying year for the town and thanked Lori Hoffman and Katie Tyler for their hard work covering administrative

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## Outgoing school employees recognized

### Bobcat accepted as new mascot

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – At the North Brookfield School Committee meeting on June 14, School Superintendent Richard Lind said he had several staff members he wanted to recognize. Retiring this year was Diana Ryan, cafeteria manager at the elementary school. Lind credited Ryan with bringing food services out of the red and making it sustainable.

Several teachers will be leaving the district also: Stephanie Martin, STEM teacher; Monique Dubuc, SPED teacher; Tiffany Clyne, adjustment counselor; Caitlin Perron, ELL teacher; and Mark Minucci, Director of Student Services. "I am really sad to see him go, but really happy for him in terms of his professional growth and opportunities that he'll have," Lind said. Lind thanked Minucci and wished him good luck. School Committee Chair Maria Tucker wished all of the departing staff the best and thanked them for their work.

Tucker thanked the staff and community for their support

during the school year. Tucker said she especially wanted to thank the kids for their resiliency and good humor.

### Mascot rebranding

Lind said Powers has worked with the rebranding team for the past three months, conducting surveys, meeting regularly and working with Jake Messier, of HEARD Strategies. They decided on the North Brookfield Bobcats. Lind said the bobcat mascot met the requirements of their policy. The committee voted three in favor, one against and one abstention.

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## Barre library reopens with new hours

BARRE – Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., announces it has reopened the building to patrons for browsing and computer use without appointments on Tuesday, June 15, one week ahead of schedule.

In accordance with its reopening plan, the library continues to

require everyone over the age of five to properly wear masks or cloth face coverings in the building at all times in order to help ensure the health and safety of patrons, community and staff.

For those who remain uncomfortable about entering the building or are unable or unwilling to

wear a proper mask or face covering for any reason, outdoor material pickup appointments will continue during open hours. Staff will work with these patrons regarding any additional needs.

All patrons must present a valid

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## Hardwick Mill Greenery host agreement stalls

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Representatives from Hardwick Mill Greenery, the proposed marijuana cultivation and retail business to be located in the old brick mill, 94 Main St., were scheduled to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting last

Monday night to discuss their Host Community Agreement with the town. The board was joined by town counsel, Nicole Costanzo.

SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said they received notification from Hardwick Mill Greenery's legal team that they would not be attending the meeting. Kemp said the legal team felt they are "too far apart from coming to an agreement," in regard to the HCA. Costanzo said in her communication with the legal team, they felt

the town was making demands of them. Costanzo said they have also mentioned they are looking at other sites to establish their business.

One of Hardwick Mill Greenery's concerns with the HCA is the proposed benefit payment in addition to impact fees. Costanzo said a community impact fee is not meant to be revenue generating, whereas a community benefit payment can be. Hardwick Mill

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## Quabbin Community Band returns after hiatus



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo

The Quabbin Community Band are back rehearsing. Last year, due to the pandemic the band did not perform its summer concert series at Nornay Park. They performed a stand alone Father's Day concert this year and hope to perform other concerts throughout the summer.





News of the Towns



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**QCB to perform  
June 27**

The Quabbin Coummunity Band will perform Sunday, June 27 at 6 p.m. in the gazebo at Nornay Park. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. People may contact QCB music director and conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions regarding performances or joining the band.

**Nornay Park concert**

The Big Random band will perform Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, South Barre. The Barre Lions Club will provide a concession stand.

**Farmers market**

The Barre Farmers' Market meets on Barre Common now through October every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farmers and vendors will be selling produce, plants maple syrup, honey, cards, dairy products and more.

**Barre Dining Center**

**BARRE** — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 28. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

**MON.** – Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, pineapple, whole wheat bread

**TUES.** – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans, apple cinnamon grahams, Italian bread

**WED.** – \*Chicken Milano, O'Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables, vanilla mousse, pumpkinnickel bread

**THURS.** – HIGH SODIUM MEAL, Hot dog, baked beans, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, hot dog bun, mustard

**FRI.** – Potato crunch fish, rice pilaf, peas and onions, chocolate pudding, diet pudding, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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**School of ballet holds summer workshop**



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**Shown during a summer dance workshop at Central Mass. School of Ballet, from left are Mikaela Begley, Kerstin Gill and Sharon Begley.**



**Mikaela Begley, Sharon Begley and Kerstin Gill are shown participating in the summer dance workshop at Central Mass. School of Ballet in Barre.**



**Mikaela Begley during a solo performs an arabesque at the Central Mass. School of Ballet**

**Joseph and Bette Sanc celebrate  
67th wedding anniversary**



**Joseph and Bette (Buker) Sanc are shown on their wedding day June 12, 1954.**

**BARRE** – Joseph and Bette (Buker) Sanc celebrated their 67 wedding anniversary June 12, 2021. The couple was married June 12, 1954 in East Braintree Methodist Church. They currently reside in Barre.

They celebrated their special anniversary with family and a long-awaited visit from their first-great grandson, Walter. He lives in Pennsylvania



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**Joseph and Bette Sanc are shown on their 67 wedding anniversary.**

and is ten months old.

They also celebrated with their daughter, Lynn and her husband, Joe Adams of Connecticut; grandchildren, Taylor and husband, Diehl Mollica of Pennsylvania; Cameron Adams of Massachusetts and Casey Adams of Rhode Island.

Joseph and Bette Sanc were former longtime owners of the Kozy Kabin Restaurant in Barre.

**Hubbardston**

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**Williamsville Chapel  
holds pie sale**

The annual pie sale will be held at the Williamsville Chapel on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Besides pies, there will also be some watercolors and hosta plants for sale.

**Center school playground**

The Hubbardston Center School playground is now closed. The closure is to accommodate the school roof repair and is expected to last throughout the summer.

**Rainbows End playground**

The Rainbows End playground on Rte 68 is being replaced. Demolition and site work to remove the old playground is anticipated to start the week of June 21. Installation of the new playground will begin the week of Monday, July 19. The playground area will be off limits until the project is completed.

**Hubbardston Town Wide Yard Sale**

The Hubbardston town wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held rain or shine. Maps will be available at the Hubbardston Senior Center on Main Street each day. There will be many yard sales throughout town including multiple ones at the senior center, a book sale at the Hubbardston Library. A yard sale, pie sale, plant sale, baked goods and water colors by Jane will be held today only at the Williamsville Chapel, New Templeton Road, Hubbardston from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If people would like to hold a yard sale, they should email their address to slbarr@charter.net to be placed on the map. Deadline is Tuesday, June 22 to be on the map.

**Garden and farm tour  
set for June 26 and 27**

**NEW BRAINTREE** – The initial flurry of planting and weeding is done, and now there's time to check out what others are doing in their gardens. People may join fellow garden lovers in exploring a variety of gardens in New Braintree as they travel along the beautiful country roads surrounded by farmland. The tour takes participants to unique garden spaces across this central Massachusetts town on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27.

“Garden tours are wonderful inspiration. The exposure to new plants, workable design ideas and like-minded gardeners is a wonderful way to spend a day outdoors,” said Deb Morrison, while she weeded and primped her garden for visitors. “I look forward to seeing what my fellow gardeners have done with their spaces.” Gardens include water features, kitchen gardens, propagation beds or terraced gardens; there is something for everyone.

The tour on June 26 and June 27 highlights six gardens and four farms in New Braintree. The gardens are open between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Tickets can be purchased at <https://EQLT.org> at the “Benefit Garden Tour” tab. Prices through June 21 are \$15 for individuals or \$30 for a family of two to five members. After June 21, the prices increase to \$20 for individuals or \$40 for a family. Tickets can be purchased June 26 and 27 at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road. Participants may bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to eat in one of the host gardens. Garden tour proceeds benefit the programs of the East Quabbin Land Trust as it cares for the land that sustains us. Also, plants may be available for purchase at one or more of the gardens. People may call 413-477-8229 with additional questions.

**Polus Center receives  
social and economic  
development grant**

**BOSTON** – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Susannah Whippis (I-Athol) joined the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development in announcing a grant award in the amount of \$45,000 for the Polus Center for Social and Economic Development. The award comes as part of the administration's Partnerships for Recovery Rapid Reemployment Program, which is designed to address the significant economic impact, which COVID-19 has had on the more than 1.9 million Massachusetts residents, who have experienced an employment interruption due to COVID.

Located in Petersham, the Polus Center has more than 35 years of experience designing human service programs and promoting new opportunities for persons with disabilities and victims of conflict in the United States and throughout the world. Today, their primary work in Massachusetts is to help people with disabilities gain the skills, credentials, career-support and work opportunities to help them find competitive employment.

The Partnerships for Recovery Rapid Reemployment Program makes CARES Act funding available to fund the scale up of existing training vendors, partnering with employers, to train and place in employment those individuals impacted by COVID for priority occupations to meet post-pandemic hiring demands. In partnership with MassHire North Central Career Center, the Plus Center will provide training and placement to impacted individuals for jobs as pharmacy technicians, with trained people being placed at CVS Pharmacy.

For more information on the program, people may contact Senator Gobi's office by email at [Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov](mailto:Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov).

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Cemetery Commission – June 24 at 11 a.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – July 1 at 3 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 6 at 6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 6 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 7 at 1 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 12 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – July 12 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – July 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – July 15 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Assessors – June 28 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 28 at 6:30 p.m. and July 1 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – July 1 at 7 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 8 at 9:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – July 9 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – July 12 at 6 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – July 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Vietnam Memorial Committee – June 24 at 6 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – June 29, June 30 and July 27 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – July 3 at 10 a.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 6 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 13 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Petersham Historic District – June 24 at 5:30 p.m. and July 15 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 24 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 1 and July 15 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 6 at 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 23 at 9 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Master Plan Steering Committee – June 24 at 7 p.m.  
Special Town Election – June 28 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Override Question  
Board of Assessors – June 29 at 8 a.m.

## Quabbin Community Band holds concert on June 27

BARRE – Head on over to South Barre Common next Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m., as the Quabbin Community Band performs their second outdoor concert of the summer season at the beautiful Nornay Park. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. Please contact QCB Music Director and Conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions regarding performances or joining the band.

## Hardwick

## FY 22 budget could include 3% salary increase

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen had a joint meeting with the Finance Committee last Monday night to continue fiscal 2022 budget discussions.

Among the topics discussed were raises for non-contracted employees. SelectBoard Vice Chair Julie Quink said some of the line items, such as the conservation clerk's hours and the Paige Memorial Library, are being restored in fiscal 2022 after being reduced in fiscal 2021. Quink said there were no salary increases for non-contractual employees. She said a 2% salary increase across the board would add about \$12,000 to the overall budget.

Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe said she felt an increase across all departments was fair as employees have not had an increase in six years.

Highway Superintendent Mary Gryszowka asked if his two employees were receiving the 2% increase, as opposed to the 4% he requested. Quink said the 2% increase would be for all departments. Gryszowka said his employees work long hours and in all types of conditions. They are doing extra work as they are short-handed by two employees. He said his department "keeps doing more and getting less." The SelectBoard and the Finance Committee felt they had room to make the increase 3% instead of 2%.

Quink said they could add the 3% salary increases in this budget or wait until fall for Special Town Meeting. Kemp said she would like to add the increases now with

the use of overlay from the assessors.

Wolfe recommended taking \$10,000 from the overlay to add to the fiscal 2022 budget.

### EMS update

Quink said she received a "hard no" from Ware about reducing the emergency medical services assessment from \$77,000 to \$75,000. Quink said they should start discussing their contract with the Ambulance Oversight Committee. At the moment, Quink is the only representative on the committee from Hardwick. Quink suggested having Police Chief James Ayotte attend the committee meeting also. The contract Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley is sending to Hardwick for EMS is similar to the previous one between the towns and is a three-year contract. Quink suggested asking for a one-year contract. Both Hardwick and Ware's boards will meet on July 6.

Kemp said town counsel has the EMS agreement from Barre to review and she is waiting to hear back from him.

### Fire truck

Kemp said there are some large money articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant this year, including a fire truck, generator and kitchen steamer.

Fire Chief Raymond Walker said they can table the article relating to the fire truck for town meeting until they learn if the town is getting a grant. He said it could be addressed later at Special Town Meeting.

### Handicapped door

Kemp said the Municipal Office Building side door is still not functional for handicapped

accessibility. The button on the pole is not working. Kemp said since the building is open to the public as of June 15, they could put a list of office phone numbers on the door for people to call when they need assistance with the door. SelectBoard Clerk H. Robert Ruggles said it would have to be temporary as ADA is strict about compliance.

### USDA update

Kemp said they did get a response from the USDA to their request for an extension. Kemp said it was not a clear yes or no. The board had scheduled a meeting with Central Mass Regional Planning Commission for Tuesday at 3 p.m. to see if the agency can assist with communication with the USDA. Ruggles said they need to have a real-time meeting as the emails back and forth are challenging.

Ruggles said there is little remaining of the \$2 million interim loan to start the project plans, and they do not have the grant money secured. He asked if they should halt the project, so they did not go over that amount. Wolfe said she felt stopping the project would send the wrong message to the USDA about the town's commitment. He felt as long as the major parts of the project are ready to go out to bid, they should be in good standing. The board agreed to meet with CMRPC officials, and Ruggles said he would discuss it in the next Sewer Commission meeting.

### Town Administrator

Kemp said they got an email from interim Town Administrator Katie Tyler about five applicants they have received so far for the town administrator position.

## Oakham

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## BSER to hold garage, house, arm sale

Bay State Equine Rescue will hold a garage, house, farm sale Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 847 New Braintree Road. There is a large equipment list, which includes: snowblower troy bilt 26" Brand new condition \$600; John Deere 4310 31hp with front end loader, mower and york rake with scraper blade \$16,000; hay elevator \$900; York rake \$800; HD snowsport plow-fits on a Chevy-fits on the tractor - brand new condition \$1,200; corral panels \$50 each good condition; several saddles: 15 1/2" Western saddle, Western barrel racing saddle, English saddles, dressage saddle; poultry cage 3' x 7'; small rabbit cage; antique horse drawn carriage; full size bedroom set; twin size bedroom set; kitchen table and chairs; dining room set; table, china cabinet and buffet; refrigerator in great condition; tools; horse equipment and supplies, much more.

### Summer concerts

The summer concert series in the gazebo on the Oakham Common begins Thursday, June 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. with the band Say Uncle. Other concert dates are: July 8 The Green Sisters, July 22 Beatles for Sale, Aug. 5 Weir River Jazz and Aug. 19 The Otters. All concerts are held Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.

### Library events

Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street, will host Design Your Own Trail with Mass. Audubon. Participants will scout the outdoor space and then use paper and pencil to create interesting trails, noting highlights and points of interest. Finally, they'll walk each other's trails, with the trail maker as their guide and a Wachusett Meadow naturalist to assist with nature interpretation. People don't have to leave Oakham to have a trail adventure. This is a family friendly program. Registration for the summer reading program started June 17 and earn jewels and other prizes as they read. Reading Jewels is aimed at children ages 2-12. Tweens and teens can also participate in an alternative summer reading program - check in at the library to learn more.

### Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold in person Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Sunday School has ended for the school year and will resume in September. Starting Sunday, July 4, the church will hold outdoor services on the Oakham Common, weather permitting. People should bring a lawn chair or blanket. All are welcome.

## EQLT lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, announces June events.

There will be youth activities throughout June and July. People should contact Pat for more information. EQLT will hold a story time at the Ware Library, Main Street, Ware Tuesday, June 29, at 10 a.m.

There will also be a garden tour in New Braintree Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People may purchase tickets at EQLT.org.

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Opinion

Guest Column

A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect just the same

By Julie Midura  
Correspondent

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike.

After the man passed us, I declared, “I love hiking, but there is no way I’d want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger.”

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn’t have it any other way!

Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 not at a spa but backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you’re ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don’t be. We didn’t complete the loop in one night. We didn’t even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom and I were on the ridge between Galehead Mountain and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we’re out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It’s like we’re the teenagers now.

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she’d miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father’s Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but, intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the wrong mountain!

I received her video message when I was standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn’t possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

Five nights... 12 summits... 48 miles... and memories that will last a lifetime!

We fell asleep under the stars.

We awoke with the sun.

We tasted freedom.

We heard silence.

We inhaled serenity.

We talked. We listened. We laughed.

We rejoiced on every summit.

It’s amazing how little we need in this life to be truly happy.

Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

There was nowhere we needed to be. There was no need to rush down. Since we planned to primitive camp for one final night, we had all the time in the world.

And we used it wisely.

And that, my friends, is backpacking!



In Past Pages

5 years ago (June 30, 2016)

Quilts provide comfort and warmth. For some quilting is a hobby and for others, a particular quilt is part of a family’s heritage. Las Saturday, the Oakham Congregational Church as part of its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary showcased over 100 quilts, some new, some very old and some somewhere in between. The exhibit featured several commemorative quilts including America’s Bicentennial quilt (1976) that had 30 different squares with Oakham scenes such as the Lincoln Farm by Betty Nelson, the Green Hollow Cemetery arch by Emily Crawford and the West Brick Schoolhouse. Oakham’s 250<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Quilt was made in 2012. It featured the town seal in the center and 26 small squares composed of wild flowers and birds found in Oakham today.

Robert Rogowski, son of retiring fire chief Joseph Rogowski, will begin duties this Friday. Selectman Lief Ericson discussed things that need to get done. He said R. Rogowski would be an administrative officer of fire and ambulance. He explained that a lot of his time as fire chief would be devoted to integrating Emergency Medical Service and the fire department “under one roof.”

Superintendent Maureen Marshall proposed a \$1 million cut in the school budget to try to bring assessments to what the towns can afford. She told the Quabbin Regional School District Committee that reducing the budget that amount would bring assessments for Barre and Hubbardston to be within what they approved or near to it. Barre voted a 6.5% increase and Hubbardston 6%. Even with the cut, the other member towns would still have high assessments. Hardwick would be 11% and it voted a 6.5% increase. Oakham would be at 10% and it only voted a 2.5% increase. New Braintree would be at 9% and it like Oakham voted a 2.5% increase.

10 years ago (June 30, 2011)

Members of the Hubbardston Council on Aging presented Louise Kelly, 103, the Boston Post cane last Thursday. The Boston Post Cane tradition of giving the cane to the town’s oldest resident dates back to 1909., two years after Hubbardston’s oldest resident was born. Edwin A Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, gave selectmen in 700 small New England towns, a gold-headed ebony cane. He requested they present the cane with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town to be used by him as long as he lived or until he moved out of town. At his death the cane was to be returned to the town. The town then would hand it to the next oldest citizen of the town. In 1930, after some controversy, not just men, but women

LOOK BACK  
Barre Gazette Building - 1967



Turley Publications File Photo

This photo shows the old Barre Gazette building, located on South Street, Barre. Now it is the Covenant Evangelical Church.

were included.

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Maureen Marshall explained the next steps in the budget process at a meeting with members of the press last Thursday. Since two of the five Quabbin district towns, New Braintree and Oakham, did not pass the requested budget by the QRSD Committee at their town meetings, the school district does not have a budget for the start of new fiscal year, July 1. Marshall said the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would set a one-twelfth figure allowing the district to operate until either one of the two towns accepts a school committee recommended budget or the commissioner sets the budget if still not resolved in December.

The Barre water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, customers have a right to know what happened and what the water department did to correct the situation. A test of 12 samples detected coliform bacteria in four of the samples. People do not need to boil their water. However, if they have specific health concerns, they should consult their doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at increased risk.

25 years ago (June 27, 1996)

Townpeople voted earlier this month to spend nearly \$60,000 to demolish the old Roger Langley School building rather than sell it to David Robinson, a developer, who had planned to renovate the building for office space. Selectmen voted Monday night to award the wrecking contract to a Associated Building Wreckers Inc. of Springfield, the low bidder at \$57,640.

John LePoer of Old Hardwick Road, Petersham, was recently

honored by Petersham Grange as Community Citizen of the Year. LePoer, a community figure for over 40 years, discovered a hall full of friends, relatives and associates in his many endeavors waiting to join in the tribute, which was arranged and narrated by Ruth Bassingthwaite, lecturer.

The Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad and the police department have requested a hearing regarding a possible rate increase for ambulance services. Captain Robert Shaulis said most of the time, the services are paid by Medicare. He said the town was losing out by charging less than the allowable rate.

38 years ago (June 30, 1983)

Green Hollow Cemetery in Oakham now has a new arch. The arch was dedicated at Memorial Day Ceremonies held there last month. The cemetery itself was formerly land owned by the Crawford family of Oakham. “Crawford family tradition says William Sanford Crawford built the original arch himself. But, there are two arches at the Riverside Cemetery in Barre that are 13 years older and almost exactly like our original arch,” said a member of the Crawford family. He went on to indicate the arches in Barre were built by Howe and Gleason of Hubbardston, who ran a box factory and wood working shop.

Quabbin Regional High School will begin an adult education program starting July 11, announced Richard M. Paula, director of the program. Initially, four courses will be offered with the possibility of addition or changes in course offering for later sessions. Two session of the course “Introduction to Computers” will be offered from 5-7 p.m. and the other from 7-9 p.m. Other courses include astronomy, furniture refinishing and quilting.

The members of the Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad will be holding an open house at their new headquarters located downstairs in the Henry Woods Building on West Street Sunday, July 10 from 3-5 p.m. Renovations for the room were made possible through memorial donations to the rescue squad for Elisabeth R. Gariepy and the room is so named in memory of her.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I hope you have been able to keep cool in this terrible heat wave. My fur makes me even hotter. Missy’s son came down and put in the two air conditioners so we have kept the house cool.

Missy had to go outside to fill the bird feeders on the deck so I sneaked after her. However, I headed right back to the inside door and waited to go back in as it was just too hot out there to play and besides I was being naughty.

I wondered what to do next when I spied the cardboard box full of things. Tomorrow is dump day so I better check it out today while Missy is away. The box is too heavy to pull over so I will just pull things out. I am not interested in the egg box, but the light bulb cover is just right to put my paw in and shake it around. Whoops, it went sailing across the kitchen floor.

Oh well, there are other things to mess with. Missy got a lot of those dessert cups so there are pieces of cardboard with loops in them. Oh boy, I can drag them around everywhere and there are a lot of them in the box and now on the kitchen floor. But wait a minute, what is this thing with a big loop? I think it must have come off some big jar. When I pulled it out, it sort of stood up by itself and I was able to put my head through the loop and have a new neck piece.

I strutted around with it on, but then decided it was time for lunch before Missy came back home. Woe is me, the darn thing didn’t want to come off. I struggled for quite a time with my paws and finally the narrow part of the cardboard ring broke.

Whew, I guess I won’t try that again. Have a good week folks.

Love,  
Gertrude



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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

June is almost all over and summer has arrived. It has been so warm that most people thought summer was all ready here.

We celebrated Father's Day on Saturday with 11 members of our family at the Old Mill in Westminster. That is such a nice setting and we had a family picture taken there. We enjoyed the meal and company and of course the yummy corn fritters and pecan rolls, but we were disappointed that the gift shop was closed. Things are starting to open up and it was nice seeing people's faces without masks.

I went to the flea market on Sunday morning and got a few things I could use. One was an unfinished picture frame so I painted it barn red and antiqued it with black oil paint and put the family pictures in it.

Here is a recipe that would be a good one when you have company staying over for breakfast

### BLUEBERRY STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

12-15 slices of white bread, cut the crusts and cut into 4's  
2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

1 cup blueberries or other fruit can be substituted  
12 eggs  
1/3 cup maple syrup  
2 cups milk  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a buttered 13 by 9 inch pan, lay out half of the cut up bread. Scatter cubed cream cheese, blueberries, cream cheese and rest of the bread. Beat eggs, milk, maple syrup, cinnamon and vanilla together. Cover bread evenly. Refrigerate overnight. Bake 350 degrees covered for 30 minutes and uncovered bake for 30 minutes. Let it settle before you cut and serve it.

### This and That

The answer to the question in last weeks article concerning what Lone Ranger left behind was the silver bullet. Several readers wrote and told me the correct answer and one said Tonto.

This is the question for this week. There was a song that came out in the 1960s that was "a grave yard smash." It's name was the ??? ???

The garden is looking good. The bushes are especially pret-

ty this year. The dogwood, weigelia, deutzia, spirea and laurel are at their peeks. Several good stocks of lupines are in bloom. The roses are especially nice this year. My favorite is the Lillian Austin that is a beautiful peach shade of pink with a yellow center. The Seven Sisters is in full bloom and I took some cuttings and hope they will root. I now have five plants and would like more. The Knock Out roses are colorful at the front step and I purchased another one to put in the perennial garden as that is the garden with the most sun.

A neighbor gave us some dahlia tubers and I started them inside in pots and they are planted outside now and budded. I thought they were tall plants so we put tall poles by each plant, but they are only about 16 inches tall. I think they are going to be all red.

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. Don't forget the town wide yard sales on June 26 and 27 and the pie sale at the Williamsville Chapel on June 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be some watercolors and hosta plants for sale.

## BARRE ATM

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\$76,785 from free cash to stabilization fund.

Barre voters also approved \$55,000 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser, \$55,000 to purchase and equip a new administrative vehicle for the fire department, \$55,000 for the purchase of a replacement generator for Ruggles Lane School and to authorize the treasurer/collector to borrow in anticipation of revenue with the board of selectmen approval.

They also unanimously said yes to changing the name board of selectmen to select board. Voters approved amending the code of Barre to the current edition of Town Meeting Time.

Moderator Joshua Smith stepped down for Article 22 and asked Town Clerk Ellen Glidden to take over as the article asked to change the moderator's term from one year to three years. It passed unanimously.

Article 23 to amend the code of the town of Barre to add a new section Natural Protection Zoning garnered the most discussion of the evening. A consultant gave voters a presentation on NPZ. He said it allowed for flexible frontage, natural resource protection, development in one area and up to 65% open space. He said the developer saved on infrastructure and it also had a small home option. The towns of Petersham, Wendall, New Salem,

Leydon, adopted the regulation.

Resident Richard Stevens spoke against the change. He said the new section would require a waiver from the planning board to do a traditional subdivision. He said the town should take more time to "tweak" this. Selectmen chair Greg O'Sullivan said the board only had three weeks to look at this by law and the town already has a lot of land protection. He recommended tabling until a future date.

Planning board chair Doug Martin said the board first proposed the NPZ in 2018 and it got put on hold.

A motion to table by O'Sullivan passed with the needed 2/3 majority with 70 yes and 25 no votes.

Planning Board chair Martin moved to take no action on the next two by law articles 24 and 25 as they were ancillary to article 23. Both motions passed

Voters approved Article 26 which established a new section allowing accessory apartments such as "in law" apartments. Voters on the recommendation of the planning board also voted to take no action on Article 27.

Barre voters approved raising and appropriate \$50,000 and taking \$10,000 from free cash to replace town hall roof replacement. They also approved transferring \$64,000 from free cash to a newly established capital stabilization. The capital stabilization fund will be used for the purchase of capital and

emergency items.

Article 35, a citizen's petition by Matthew Urban, sought to amend the code of Barre to include not only minutes of meetings, but video recording of meetings of boards and committees named in the petition. They included Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, DPW Commission, Finance Committee and Planning Board. This article before being approved underwent three amendments and a failed motion to table. Voters approved an amendment by the town clerk to send any complaints to the chair of said committee and not the town clerk. Selectman Maureen Marshall made a motion, which voters approved, to amend to include every board, committee and subcommittee, not just the six named in the original petition and until technology issues would be addressed by the board of selectmen. Selectman O'Sullivan recommended including a start date of April 1, 2022. On the recommendation of town counsel, the amendment added or whenever approved by the Attorney General or whichever comes last to the April 1, 2022 start date. Voters approved the final amended version. Voters took no action on Article 3, which was moved to the end of the warrant, as there was no amendments to the budget and thus no need to balance it. Barre voters conducted all town business in a little over two hours.

### New hours

Open hours are: Tuesday, 2-8 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed Sundays, Mondays and Fridays, as well as Tuesdays following Monday holidays.

The Board of Library Trustees reluctantly voted to approve the new open hours, which eliminate being open from 2-5 p.m. on Fridays due to budget issues and existing library policies. The Board of Library Trustees and staff hope this reduction in hours will be a temporary measure, as they want to be able to increase both open hours and the ability to serve patrons and community well.

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library card to pick up materials including for outdoor service.

With the exception of library technology, patrons must return library material to either the outdoor book drop or designated bins at either entrance upon arrival. Indoor returns may not be used at this time.

Newly-returning resources include toys and other activity materials in the children's room on a rotating basis; library programming in Allen Hall and the multipurpose room and patron access to open study spaces and to Allen Hall

and the multipurpose room by reservation for meetings.

Services not yet available include patron access to small study spaces and meeting rooms and book donations.

The library will stop using the "Amnesty Mode" feature as of July 1, 2021. This means that any fines for overdue material will no longer be removed from patron records when they check them in.

The updated reopening plan will be posted on the library website and the library entrances and print copies will be available.

All service dates, times and options are subject to change and regular updates will continue.

## In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

The piping plovers, an endangered species, are nesting on the coastal beaches of Cape Cod. The plovers arrive every March or April, where they build nests along the beaches. The female lays four eggs camouflaged in the sand. Both parents incubate the nest.

The piping plover is a small, sand-colored, sparrow-sized bird. The adult has yellow-orange red legs, a black band across the forehead from eye to eye and a black stripe running along the breast line. Males have a thicker chest band during the breeding season and are the only reliable way to distinguish the sexes. In non-breeding season, the bands become less pronounced. The bird is difficult to see when standing still. It runs in short spurts and stops.

Total population is currently estimated at about 6,510 individuals. A preliminary estimate showed 3,350 birds in 2003 on the Atlantic Coast alone, 52% of the total.

Breeding habitat includes beaches and sand flats on the Atlantic coast, the shores of the Great Lakes, and in the mid-west of Canada and the United States. These shorebirds forage for food on beaches, usually by sight. Generally, piping plovers will hunt for food around the high tide wrack zone and along the water's edge. They eat mainly

insects, marine worms, and crustaceans.

The piping plover's light call is a soft, whistled "peep peep" given by standing and flying birds. Its frequently heard alarm call is a soft "pee-werp."

Piping plovers migrate from their northern range in the summer to the south in the winter months, migrating to the Gulf of Mexico, the southern Atlantic coast of the United States and the Caribbean. They begin migrating north in mid-March. Their breeding grounds extend from southern Newfoundland south to the northern parts of South Carolina. Migration south begins in August for some adults and fledglings and by mid-September most piping plovers have headed south for winter.

To protect the nests from predators during incubation, many conservationists install round turn-key-wire cages with screened tops. These allow the adults to move in and out but stop predators from getting to the eggs. After the chicks hatch, many areas will put up snow fencing to restrict driving and pets for the safety of the chicks. Threats to nests include crows, cats, raccoons, and foxes, among others. "Exclosures" are not always used, as they occasionally draw more attention to the nest than

would occur without the exclosure. Natural hazards to eggs or chicks include storms, high winds, and abnormal high tides; human disturbances can cause the abandonment of nests and chicks as well.

### Female rose-breasted grosbeak

On June 9, I saw a female rose-breasted grosbeak at my tray feeder. She was the first female I saw this year. I saw the male in May. I hope they nest in my yard.

### Sutton birds

My brother lives in Sutton. He has both male and female rose-breasted grosbeaks at his feeder. He has a pond behind his house, so he has great blue herons, mallard ducks and Canada geese as well as hummingbirds, woodpeckers, American goldfinch and other birds.

### Bluebirds

An Oakham resident said the bluebirds nesting in her yard are raising their second brood. She raises mealworms to feed the bluebirds. She said other birds like the mealworms too and she is kept busy supplying them.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Regional Regional Transit services for senior transportation for the upcoming fiscal year. They also designated the town administrator as the town's representative with MART. MART offered many services, which the Worcester Regional Transit Authority did not. Selectman O'Sullivan said, "It was a better for our elders."

### Ruggles Lane parking lot

Chair O'Sullivan said the town appropriated \$50,000 for paving

of the Ruggles Lane School parking lot. To do a full reclamation of the parking lot, playground and driveway would cost \$120,000. The cost to pave just the driveway and parking lot would be \$62,000. O'Sullivan said he asked the town administrator to look for any unused funds in the FY 21 budget to come up with the additional \$12,000. O'Sullivan said he did not want to strip any departments of funds, which they have earmarked for expenses, but asked the town administrator to check with all department heads if they have unused funds, which can be

transferred to the school paving project.

### Special permit

The board approved a special event permit for a Savage Race at the Carter Stevens Farm on West Street for July 10..

### Use of town property

Selectmen approved the request by the Ware River Watershed Advisory to hold a meeting July 8 in the town hall. The board also voted to waive the fee. The board tabled a request to use town hall for a Barre Winter Market until the board had further information.

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Greenery stated they did not want to give a benefit payment, but instead wanted to increase the impact fee. They proposed a 3% impact fee on gross retail sales and 1% on gross wholesale sales. They would also provide a \$5,000 annual donation to nonprofits and charities in town, 20 hours of community service and give local hiring preference for employees. Kemp said they have to justify and document the impact of the marijuana establishment on the town.

Kemp said there is also a

section in the HCA about parking needing to be screened from view that Hardwick Mill Greenery wants stricken. Kemp said where the parking lot is below the road level, she did not think it would be an issue to remove the wording. SelectBoard Vice Chair Julie Quink and Clerk H. Robert Ruggles agreed with Kemp that parking would not be a concern as did Police Chief James Ayotte.

Kemp said Hardwick Mill Greenery has a lot to offer, just being a business in town. "I certainly don't want to turn away someone, but a benefit payment would be easier to manage," she said in regard to having the impact fee only. Kemp and Costanzo will

be meeting with Hardwick Mill Greenery's legal team to continue the discussion.

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duties. Kemp also thanked the residents for their support.

Kemp announced that Frank Hanson will be retiring from the Fire Department as of June 30, and thanked him for his service and dedication. Kemp also recognized Board of Health agent Tex Sarabia for everything he has done for the town during the pandemic and beyond.

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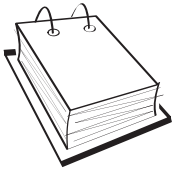
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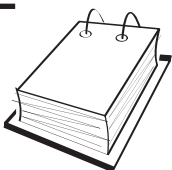
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, JUNE 24

AMERICAN PATRIOTISM will be the topic of lecture series at the Gardner Museum, Gardner from 7-8 p.m. Reservation is required by calling 978-632-3277 or emailing info@gardnermuseuminc.com. Admission for non-members is \$3. A museum reception is from 6:30-7 p.m. Professor Ben Railton will be the speaker. The presentation is based on his latest book, “Of Thee I Sing – The Contested History of American Patriotism.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 25

PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET will be held on the Petersham Common, Rte. 32, Petersham Friday afternoons from 3-6 p.m.

STRAWBERRY SUPPER will be held at The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., Ware.The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., from 5-6 p.m. by takeout only. People can drive up to the Church Street side of the church building and a runner will come to take their order and bring their meals out to their vehicle. The meal includes ham, potato salad, green salad, homemade baked beans, rolls, and freshly picked sweetened strawberries on biscuits with real whipped cream. The cost is \$12 per meal. For more information, people may call the church office at 413-967-9981.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

BARRE FARMERS’ MARKET will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more.

GARDEN AND FARM TOUR will be held today and tomorrow in New Braintree from 10 am. To 3 p.m. both days. The tour highlights six gardens and four farms in New Braintree. Tickets can be purchased at https://EQLT.org at the “Benefit Garden Tour” tab. Prices through June 21 are \$15 for individuals or \$30 for a family of two to five members. After June 21, the prices increase to \$20 for individuals or \$40 for a family. Tickets can be purchased June 26 and 27 at the New Braintree Historical Society,10 Utley Road. Participants may bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to

and watched a livestream of senior awards. Bokis said during field day, each student attended two workshops. Student Council had an escape room and a scavenger hunt. Bokis said they welcomed sixth-grade students to the high school for Junior Conference to give them information about

the school and the Student Council. Bokis said they elected new board members as follows: Jenna Dupell, president; Kelly Daige, vice president; Laura Orne, secretary; Emily Lacaire, treasurer; Shannon Toomey, public relations; Olivia Giangrande.

## Where is this?



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This week’s mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 28. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, John Raymond, Jeremy Varnum and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week’s photo was the site of an old schoolhouse and later a market in the center of New Braintree.

eat in one of the host gardens. Garden tour proceeds benefit the programs of the East Quabbin Land Trust as it cares for the land that sustains us. Also, plants may be available for purchase at one or more of the gardens. People may call 413-477-8229 with additional questions.

ANNUAL ART AND CRAFT SHOW is on display

now through Sept. 5 at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg. Visitors will be inspired by the diverse array of paintings, photographs, drawings, and sculptural work by local artists on view in the Museum’s Wallace and Simonds Galleries.This exhibition will be accompanied by Nathan Clark Bentley: Waiting for the Night, also on view June 26 through Sept. 5, in the Museum’s Cookman Mezzanine. The

show will feature brand new paintings from Bentley, the First Prize winner of FAM’s 84th Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft in 2019. This year’s theme, “Inside Voices” was inspired by the events of 2020 and the turn inward that they required.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 27

OAKHAM FARMERS’ MARKET will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at Wright Memorial Field, Ware Corner Road, Oakham now through Sept. 5.

FRINED OF THE STONE CHURCH will present a free concert with the Weir River Concert Band from 2-3:45 p.m. on the lawn at the Stone Church, Main Street, Gilbertville. People should bring a blanket or chair. Tent and refreshments will be provided. The concert is funded in part by a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

THE QUABBIN COUMMUNITY BAND will perform Sunday at 6 p.m. in the gazebo at Nornay Park. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols People may contact QCB music director and conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions regarding performances or joining the band.

## FRIDAY, JULY 2

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM in Springfieldwill reopen to visitors today. The reopening marks the completion of an 18-month project focusing on critical systems upgrades. The museum operating hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Consistent with CDC recommendations, people, who are not fully vaccinated, must continue to wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. Springfield Armory National Historic Site is the location of the nation’s first armory (1794 - 1968). It includes historic grounds, buildings, and the world’s largest historic American military firearms collection. For updates and further information, people may call 413-734-8551, visit www.nps.gov/spar or go to www.facebook.com/sparnhs.

### NB SCHOOL COMMITTEE, continued from page 1

Student Advisory Council Megan Bokis said they held their annual field day and class day at the high school last Friday

## Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

The Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility is closed. All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

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Historian; Jake Standrowicz, spiral coordinator; and Joe Daige, LSAC. She said they also held class elections.

Lind thanked Bokis for her work as this past year’s LSAC.

**Public participation** A resident sent a question through the Zoom chat about the \$23,019 spent on homelessness transportation costs accrued during the 2020-2021 school year. Minucci said there are three students that are considered homeless according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. McKinney-Vento defines homeless students as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” Minucci said these students are in a residential setting within an hour of the district. Minucci said each student has an IEP and they would be financially responsible for them even if they did not attend North Brookfield schools.

Lind said neither the school nor the students can control or predict the McKinney-Vento numbers. Minucci welcomed anyone with questions to contact him.

**School Committee reports** School Committee Secretary Christie Omasta said she wanted the voices of the students heard in regard to the school budget and services. Omasta spoke about the recent Annual Town Meeting and said how important it was to work together for both the town and the school. Omasta read statements from the students showing concern for the possible loss of programs such as art and music.

**Remaining FY 21 budget** Lind said he feels good about the money they have remaining in their budget. He said it was a difficult year, with some unexpected and hard to predict costs, plus building repairs. School Committee member Ronald Ryel questioned how line items in the red were paid without transfers being approved. He said line-item transfer should be approved just like the Board of Selectmen do with town departments. Tucker said they will research how other districts handle line items and they will discuss it further. Lind said they are in good shape in their revolving accounts.

**Social media threat** Lind said they had a stay-in-place order at the high school after they were informed by another school district that there was a post on social media involving a threat toward both school districts. Lind said they immediately contacted the police department and consulted with Police Chief Mark Smith and Lieutenant Ryan Daley. Lind said the police department investigated and checked the building along with state police and two K9s. He said the students and staff were able

to return to a regular school day following the investigation.

**Administrator’s reports** Middle/High School Co-Principal Jeanne Powers talked about the school’s end of year events, including Class Day, Field Day, Award Ceremony and Eighth Grade Step Up. They are looking to put together a summer acceleration program using grant money. Powers said they will be offering four college courses next year made possible by a grant.

Elementary Principal Sarah Priestley said they celebrated their sixth-grade students last week and have had various end of year celebrations. Priestley shared data regarding their PBIS Tiered Fidelity Inventory, or positive behavioral interventions and support. They are between 40 to 60% in their different categories. Priestley said PBIS Academy considers 75% “all in,” and they are “well on their way,” to reaching that.

Minucci thanked the committee, administrators, staff, students and families for their support during this time with North Brookfield Public Schools. Minucci has accepted a position in West Springfield.

### Fiscal 2022 budget

Lind said the motion to increase the school budget at Town Meeting actually increased the budget by 3.75% instead of 2.5%. Lind recommended the committee approve an increase of \$153,971 and return the \$76,986 that is beyond the 2.5%. The committee made a motion and approved the correct increase amount.

Lind said the fiscal 2022 budget was level funded at town meeting. Fiscal year 2022 proposed budget was \$6,509,668.20, and the amount approved at Town Meeting was \$6,312,843. The amount needing to be reduced in the fiscal 2022 budget is \$196,825.20. Lind said many of “catastrophic reductions we planned for will not occur due to the overwhelming support of the voters.”

Areas facing cuts include kindergarten (reducing from full day to half day), art and music, reading specialist, STEM, preschool program (reducing from full day to half day), activities advisors, librarian, foreign language (Spanish and French) and athletics. Lind said they would need an increase of \$36,733 in additional school choice funds to bring back these areas facing cuts.

Lind said he recommended reducing transportation from four to two buses, saving \$150,592. He said they had very few students riding the bus last year. They are required to transport students in grades K-6 that live beyond two miles from the school. Omasta

said she did not feel comfortable cutting transportation for various safety concerns. Lind said each bus is about \$411 a day. He said they could take additional school choice funds and ESSER 3 money, or find another area to reduce in. The committee approved the use of school choice funds to cover the four buses.

Applying a fee to bus riders was also discussed, but Lind said he spoke to several colleagues about it, and they did not recommend it. Tucker asked Lind to bring more information to their next meeting.

Lind said they can also remove dual enrollment costs as the grant they have to work with Quinsigamond Community College will cover that expense for fiscal 2022.

### Subcommittee reorganization

Lind said they need two members of the School Committee for the policy and contract negotiation subcommittees. Omasta and School Committee Vice Chairman Tim Canada were appointed to the policy subcommittee. Tucker and Canada were appointed to the contract negotiation subcommittee.

### Superintendent’s evaluation

Tucker explained how the evaluation process works, starting with Lind setting goals at the beginning of the year and looking at those goals at the end of the year. Tucker said this year, Lind did an “exemplary job,” and was evaluated as such. The committee approved the evaluation with Omasta and Ryel abstaining as they are new members.

### Donations

The committee accepted donations of a guitar and keyboard, a sand/water play table, books for the book room, a parachute for the gym, a tuner for music and library books. The PTO donated \$1,222.60 and Sports Boosters donated \$1,100 in memory of Dylan Dupre.

### School choice seats

Tucker said the incoming second grade class has 47 students, and several families are requesting school choice, but they are beyond the number of available seats. Tucker said they would typically hold a lottery for the available seat. Ryel made a motion to increase the number of school choice seats. Tucker amended the motion to increase by one school choice seat for the second-grade class. The committee approved the motion to add one school choice seat to be available by lottery for the second-grade class.

**Memorandum** The committee moved and accepted the Educational Support Professionals Memorandum of Understanding.





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## Panthers girls track makes great showing at Districts, D2's

BARRE – The Quabbin girls had nine athletes qualify and had a day full of new personal bests at the District Meet held on June 12 at Shepherd Hill. Freshmen Paige Lindley and Natalia Marchand both ran the 100, Natalia placed fourth. Junior Gemma Gabrielli finished third in the high jump and Senior Maddie Breuer came in fifth in both the 200 and triple jump with seven-inch personal record. Junior Ava Frost ran in the mile for the second time that week. Sr. Riley Rischitelli finished third in the 400, also with a personal record. Junior Leah Baxter competed in the long jump where she had a six-inch improvement and finished fourth in the 400 with a huge two-plus second personal record. Junior Emma Gatulis finished fourth in the PV, also with a new best by six inches. Senior Toni Sacramone competed in her last high school meet in the shot put. Last but not least, the 4x100 team won the event and set a new school record by 0.98 seconds. This is the second relay record these four girls have broken together.



The members of the 4x100 team for Quabbin High School, Leah Baxter, Natalia Marchand, Maddie Breuer, and Riley Rischitelli.

### Central/West D2 Championships

The girls had another day of strong individual performances at the Central/West Championship meet on Saturday, June 19. Scoring points on the field event side were Gemma Gabrielli, who placed fourth in the high jump at 4'10" and Emma Gatulis who had a personal record in the pole vault for the third meet in a row and took seventh. On the track, Leah Baxter and Riley Rischitelli ran an exciting 400, placing fourth and fifth and finishing only 0.09 seconds apart. Leah also came in fourth in the 200 with a half-second personal record and advanced to the All State Meet next weekend. Gemma, Riley, Emma and Sr. Kathryn Keagle finished out their 2021 season with a 4x400 in which they ran 13 seconds faster than their seeded time.



Riley Rischitelli hands off to Maddie Breuer during the relay.



Gemma Gabrielli competes in the high jump

## Oliveira remembered as Tri-County rivals clash



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Paul Marcinek speaks about teammate and longtime Tri-County League player/manager Karl Oliveira during a pre-game ceremony last Friday night.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—Paul Marcinek and Karl Oliveira were teammates on the St. Joseph's baseball team, which competes in the Tri-County League, for more than twenty years.

During a pregame ceremony held prior to the start of last Friday night's home opener against archrival Peoples Bank, Marcinek spoke about his longtime friend and teammate, who passed away unexpectedly on April 26.

"Karl Oliveira was Palmer. Karl Oliveira was St. Joe's. The loss of Karl Oliveira cannot be measured in words," said Marcinek following the game, which was won by Peoples Bank, 3-2 in eight innings. "To have the honor and the privilege to play baseball with Karl for so long was something very special. This was a very meaningful night for everyone here."

Besides being a player/manager for St. Joe's, Oliveira was also a member of the East Longmeadow Navigators in the National Division.

One of the things that Marcinek told the large crowd



Jon Miarecki pitches for St. Joe's.

during the ceremony, which was followed by a moment of silence, was what it used to be like playing baseball games at St. Joe's Ballpark in front of large crowds on Friday nights during the summertime.

"This was what this placed always looked like on Friday

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## Pioneers keep on winning

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Blake Mullen, who's the Western Mass. Pioneers starting goalkeeper, was swarmed by a group of kids seeking his autograph following last Friday's home match versus AC Connecticut. It was the most action he saw the entire evening.

Mullen only made one save during the match and his teammates took care of the rest of the business, as the Pioneers posted a 3-0 shutout victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow. It was the Pioneers fourth shutout in their first seven matches of the regular season.

"To be able to post a shutout, especially in front of our fans here at Lusitano Stadium, just feels fantastic," said Mullen after he finished signing autographs. "The defense is playing very well and we're also scoring a lot of goals this season, which is awesome."

Mullen, who's from Manchester, Conn., has been the Pioneers starting goalie since 2019. He was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season.

Since losing a road match to the Boston Bolts, 4-0, in the season opener on May 11, the Pioneers have posted a 5-0-1 record and have outscored their opponents, 14-2. The Western Mass. squad is battling the Bolts for first place in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

"The players are playing with a lot of confidence right now," said Western Mass. Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We just need



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Carlos Ferrando changes up the field for the Pioneers.

to keep improving in every match."

Mullen and his teammates recorded a 2-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the season against AC Connecticut (1-6), which was played at Dillon Stadium in Hartford, Connecticut on May 26. Their other two shutouts came against FC Malaga City.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a friendly versus Hartford Athletic, who played in the USL championship in 2019, at Dillon Stadium on July 20.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast league standings in 2019, are hoping to qualify for the playoffs again this season.

"It definitely feels like we're

doing something special again this season," Mullen said. "It was an awesome experience playing in the playoffs two years ago. We're hoping to host a home playoff match this year."

The Pioneers defeated the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the 2019 Eastern Conference semifinals before losing to Reading United AC, who were the host team, 1-0, in the finals.

Mullen gave a lot of credit to the defense for making his job very easy. The starting defenders for the Pioneers in last Friday's home match were Federico Gutierrez, Nicholas Oberrauch, Carlos Emery,

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## Coby wins second straight race

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. -- Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby rocketed to his second straight victory at Riverhead Raceway on Sunday, June 20, to cap what was a remarkable week for the Connecticut native.

Coby won the inaugural Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) event at Stafford Motor Speedway on June 12, then announced his NASCAR Camping World Truck Series debut will take place for GMS Racing at Bristol Motor Speedway in September.

On Sunday, in the Buzz Chew Chevrolet Cadillac 200 at Riverhead -- a race postponed one day due to weather -- Coby dominated -- leading 149 laps en route to his 31st career Whelen Modified Tour win. The victory tied Coby with Jeff Fuller for fifth on the all-time wins list and started a streak at the one track where victory eluded him for so many years.

"We hit on something here," Coby said. "It's an awesome deal for our Mayhew Tools team to come here to Riverhead and



Submitted photo

Doug Coby picked up a win last Sunday at Stafford Motor Speedway.

keep grinding. In Victory Lane for round two at Riverhead. Who would've thought that Doug Coby would be in contention to sweep Riverhead three times in a year when we come back in September? It's so hard here, and we've hit on something."

The victory was Coby's second of the Whelen Modified Tour season, and helped him climb a little bit closer in the championship standings with six races complete. Coby missed the event at Oswego Speedway on June 12 to

compete with SRX -- therefore, he was nearly 50 points out of the lead entering the race, in eighth place. With the win, Coby jumped to fourth, and sits 41 points back heading for the next event.

Doug Coby will return to the track on Wednesday, June 30, at Seekonk Speedway with the Tri Track Open Modified Series. The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is Saturday, July 17, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

## Pioneers announce 2021 tryouts for all youth teams

LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers organization has announced the 2021 tryouts. WUP FC is excited to hold 2021-2022 season tryouts. Tryouts are for boys and girls of all age groups (2016 - 2003 birth years). For players born from 2014 - 2017, we welcome you to come

visit our open house to sign up for the Developmental Academy Program (2014-2016) and the First Kick Program (no need to try out for 2017). This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read through each page carefully

to ensure that all information is provided accurately. Each player should bring water, a ball, shin guards, and wear a white or grey shirt.

Go to [www.westernunitedpioneers.sportngin.com](http://www.westernunitedpioneers.sportngin.com) to look for registration information and the full tryout schedule.



# Sports

## Registration ongoing for Bay State Summer Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 39th annual Bay State Summer Games is currently underway. The 2021 Summer Games will feature more than 30 sports for athletes of all ages. Tryouts are underway for all showcase sports. Athletes must sign up prior to attending a tryout. The 2021 Summer Games will look a little different than in the past. Every tournament will have specific protocols which must be followed by every participant, coach, volunteer, and spectator. More information can be found on the Bay State Games website. After the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games due to COVID-19, Bay State Games has also adjusted the eligibility requirements to allow graduating seniors to compete in the showcase sports. In order to be eligible, the senior must have either already competed in Bay State Games in the past or have been registered for the 2020 Summer Games prior to its cancellation. Dates and venues have also been confirmed for rugby, swimming and track & field. Registration is open for these sports.

Registration is currently open in the following sports:

Archery: July 24 at Devens, Ayer

Badminton: August 27-29 at Boston

Badminton, Westborough

Baseball\*: July 6-8 at BC High School, Boston

Girls Basketball\*: July 16-18 at The Rivers School, Weston

Fencing: August 21-22 at Boston Fencing Club, Brighton

Field Hockey\*: July 9-11 at Veterans Memorial Field Complex, Waltham

6v6 Field Hockey: July 24 at Worcester State University

FootGolf: July 24 at Quail Ridge Golf

Course, Acton

Boys and Girls Ice Hockey\*: July 8-11 at New England Sports Center, Marlborough

Boys Lacrosse\*: July 12-14 at Veterans Memorial Field Complex, Waltham

7v7 Girls Lacrosse: July 13-14 at Veterans Memorial Field Complex, Waltham

7v7 Women’s Lacrosse: July 10 at Veterans Memorial Field Complex, Waltham

Pickleball: July 24-25 at The Mill Works, Westford

Rugby: July 31 at Union Point Sports Complex, Weymouth

Boys and Girls Soccer\*: July 8-11 at Veterans Memorial Field Complex, Waltham

Softball\*: July 13-15 at Devens, Ayer

Shooting Sports:

Sport Pistol: June 27 at Mass. Rifle Association, Woburn

Air Pistol: June 27 at Mass. Rifle Association, Woburn

Progressive Position Pistol: July 11 at Mass. Rifle Association, Woburn

Swimming: July 31-August 1 at Regis College, Weston

Track & Field: July 10 at Regis College, Weston

Boys and Girls Volleyball\*: July 10-11 at The Rivers School, Weston

Weightlifting: July 17 – 18 at CrossFit Five Plus, Beverly

\*Tryout information for the eight showcase sports is being posted on the sport’s page as they become available. For more information on all sports in the 2021 Summer Games, and links to online registration, go to [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org).

For questions email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports begin-

ning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).

## Falmouth Road Race to resume Aug. 15

FALMOUTH – Falmouth Road Race, Inc., organizers of the 49th Annual ASICS Falmouth Road Race, one of America’s premier running events of the summer season, today announced that it will host a field of 8,000 in-person runners for its upcoming event on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Those who registered during the initial registration window and selected, “If given the chance, I would like to run in Falmouth” will be guaranteed a place within the limited in-per-

son field. Runners who have not yet registered but are looking to secure a guaranteed in-person spot in this year’s event can do so by registering to run on behalf of a charity. A comprehensive list of 164 charitable organizations is available by visiting [www.falmouthroadrace.com/charity-program](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com/charity-program).

For more information, or to register, visit [www.falmouthroadrace.com](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com). Follow us on Facebook or at @falmouthroadrace on Instagram.

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Gemma Gabrielli

SCHOOL: Quabbin

Gabrielli finished third in the high jump for Quabbin Regional in the District meet.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).

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# Education

## Pathfinder students bettered themselves over four years

By Jonah Snowden  
jsnowden@turley.com

PALMER – On a sunny Saturday afternoon on June 5, family and friends gathered on the front lawn of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to celebrate the Class of 2021’s graduation.

During commencement, Valedictorian Makayla Davenport, Salutatorian Jordan Gaj, and Class President Lauren Tracy all took to the podium to reflect on their time at Pathfinder. During her speech, Davenport said she wanted her classmates to appreciate what the regional high school provided.

“Not knowing the layout of the school and the majority of your classmates is probably one of the most nerve-wracking situations for a young teen embarking on the adventure of their first day of high school,” Davenport said. “However, one of the best things about attending a regional high school is knowing that everyone is feeling the same way because no one knows one another. Pathfinder encourages you to step out of your comfort zone on that first day of school, which is one of the things that I love most about attending this school.”

Gaj, who was next to speak, said she and her classmates should be proud of themselves, for preserving through the COVID-19 pandemic.

“During the past two years, I, along with many others have grown stronger,” Gaj said. “Whether it has been taking up a new hobby or honing your current skills, we have all put time into bettering ourselves. And that is what high school is all about. Even if our years at Pathfinder were not like your



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Family and friends of the Pathfinder Class of '21 wait for the seniors to arrive for commencement.

older brother’s or sister’s high school stories, ours is certainly one to remember.”

Tracy said the Class of 2021 should acknowledge the significance of being selected to attend Pathfinder.

“Though the past 14 months or so may have felt like an eternity to some of us, I’m sure we all can recall our first day of school here at Pathfinder,” Tracy said.

“What we need to remember most, however, is that we chose to come to Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School and remember that we were chosen to come here as well. From that first honor of becoming part of Pathfinder’s Class of 2021 and that first day, which was roughly 1,460 days ago, we have each been working towards this day. Our graduation.”

This graduation also honored Pathfinder’s Superintendent Dr. Gerald L. Paist, who is retiring after coming to the school in 1973. He



Pathfinder Superintendent Gerald L. Paist speaks to the Class of 2021 at their graduation.



Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Principal Eric Duda address the audience at the Pathfinder graduation.

thanked the students and their parents for choosing the vocational high school.

After receiving their diplomas, students took a celebratory photograph with Pathfinder

Regional Vocational Technical High School Principal Eric Duda and later moved their tassels from right to left, officially changing their status from seniors to alumni.

## Local students graduate from Francis Parker Charter School

The Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School graduated fifty-eight students on the evening of June 9, 2021. Local students, who graduated were: James Krueger of Barre, Autumn Bessette of Hubbardston and Dominic Riegro of Hubbardston.

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## College Dean's Lists

### Ella Fontaine makes dean’s list

HARRISONBURG, VA – Ella Fontaine of Petersham, a communication sciences and disorders major, made the Dean’s List at James Madison University for the spring 2021 semester. Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899.

### Springfield College announces dean’s list

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College announces the dean’s list Students for the 2021 spring semester.

Local students making dean’s list are: Hannah Schultz of North Brookfield, a health science/occupational therapy; Samuel Coppolino of Oakham, a health science and pre-physical therapy;

Rachel Vinton of Rutland, a physical education major and Joseph Leazott of Barre, a sport management major.

Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have

a minimum semester grade average of 3.5 for the term.

### Roger Williams University announces dean’s list

BRISTOL, RI – Roger Williams University announces the spring 2021 dean’s list.

Local students making the spring dean’s list are: Kayleigh Conrad of Rutland, Alexis Dubovick of Rutland, Abigail Mayer of Rutland and James Sadowski of Rutland.

Full-time students, who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher, are placed on the dean’s list that semester.

### University of Rhode Island announces dean’s list

KINGSTON, R.I. –The University of Rhode Island announces the spring 2021 dean’s list.

The following local students were named to the list: Sarah Barry of Hubbardston, Brigid Griffin of Rutland, Conor Looney of Rutland, Emily Mitko of Barre, Rebecca Norcross of Hubbardston, Mackenzie Paradis of Barre and Zach Rutherford of Rutland.

To be included on the

dean’s list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

### Sarah Graeff makes president’s list at Dean College

FRANKLIN– Sarah Graeff of Petersham earned a place on the president’s list for the spring 2021 semester. Students named to the president’s list have demonstrated a commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

### Dean College announces dean’s list

FRANKLIN – Dean College announces the local students, which earned a place on the dean’s list for the spring 2021 semester. Local students making the dean’s list are: Ruby Caron of Hubbardston, Lindsey Kelleher of Ware and Jessica Lafountain of Ware.

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### On Loving Others

I came across the following quotation in recent studies. It is worthy of prayerful consideration:

“Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones. But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Mead noted that helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts.”

This account is insightful and affirms the teaching of Jesus Christ wonderfully. In fact, the remarks of Margaret Mead caused me to reflect upon the following timeless and timely instruction of the Lord:

**Luke 10:25-37**

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii (a denarius was the usual daily wage of a day laborer) and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may

have.’ Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Helping someone else through difficulty may be where civilization begins. However, it is also the highest duty and moral obligation of man, as well as the greatest evidence of one’s commitment to Christ (cf. John 13:35). Moreover, note that Jesus’ command to “go and do likewise” personalizes the mandate of sacrificial love for each of us. We all have the responsibility to do as the Good Samaritan has done. Is this easy? By no means. Is it worth it? Heaven deems so, and so should we. As I close...

Who can you serve today?

Who can you assist in this season?

What have you to offer to those in need?

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30am. We hope to see you soon.

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### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*“Who is This? Even the Wind and the Sea Obey Him!”*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.

**Scripture Reading: Mark 4 v 35-41 I. Introduction:**

I may have shared with you that I am not a swimmer, but several years ago I found myself with a few colleagues on a motorboat down the Connecticut River. I looked at some old pictures a while ago and could not believe that I did that. Rivers can be calm, but they can also be dangerous, and we know that boats can capsize, and people can drown. Fortunately, we were fine, and returned safely back to our offices. Let us have a look at Jesus and His disciples as they crossed the river in a boat, and what an experience that was.

#### II. A Boat, Wind, and Waves

In our passage we have the familiar setting of Jesus and His disciples finishing up the day on which He was preaching, teaching, performing miracles and being surrounded by a crowd. He suggested to the disciples that they cross the river on a boat to go to the other side, towards the Southeastern Shore. Jesus would continue with His ministry in that region, as we see in Mark Chapter 5. They, experienced fishermen and sailors, got

into the boat, and set out on their journey. There were other boats in their vicinity, meaning there would have been some among the crowd who followed them. Not long after that, they encountered a fierce storm with strong winds and waves which broke onto the boat, threatening to overturn it. One can only imagine the fear among the disciples, as well as those in the surrounding boats. The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by hills on all sides and is known for the development of unexpected storms. The cooler air from the hills would collide with the warm air in the lake’s basin, creating sudden squalls, describes Mark Strauss in his book on Mark. The disciples realized they were in an extremely dangerous situation and needed help. They found Jesus asleep, obviously tired after the long day of ministering to the crowd. They rebuked Him for falling asleep, not understanding why He would sleep, when they were in danger. I would be upset myself, wondering why the Lord Jesus Christ, who suggested they cross the Lake, and who is the One performing miracles, would not do anything.

#### III. Jesus acts, but not without His own Rebuke!

We see Jesus wake up, see the commotion, and immediately rebuked the wind and the waves to “Be quiet, to be still”! That’s it. He spoke a few words, and the forces of wind and water obeyed. They were quiet. What power in His words, His presence, and His actions! What security He offered those around Him! The same Christ who healed the sick, who drove out demonic forces, now acted as the Lord over the wind and the waves. He demonstrated to them the power of God working through Him. In the Old Testament we see Yahweh’s powerful interventions through nature as well, for example leading the Israelites through the Red Sea, providing for them through the blessings of nature. When they were hungry, they could eat manna, and when they were thirsty, they could drink water from a rock. God is the Sovereign God over humanity and nature, and intervenes in the experiences of humanity, through the power of God’s will says William Lane. Similarly, the Son of God reveals His divine nature through the power of His presence and actions, delivering all of them from the threat of the dangerous storm. The Son of God is more powerful than the forces of nature. He exercises His Divine Authority over the forces of negativity, of evil, of danger. He speaks a word, and the Divine power is at work.

He does not only rebuke the wind and the waters, but He also rebukes His disciples, whom He thought must have had more courage than the fear they displayed, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”, He asked them. By now they have seen Him do so much, and perhaps He expected

them to speak their own words of divine power He gave them, or perhaps He expected them to know that his mere presence would take care of the situation? We don’t know what He was thinking, but He definitely questions their fear and their lack of faith in that situation.

#### IV. Conclusion

Who is this person, the disciples asked...even the wind and the waves obey Him, they remarked? Jesus’ presence in the storm constitutes an affirmation of life and the defeat of death. His whole ministry and life were about restoring those who were sick, brought back to life those who had died, and through the power of God Almighty, overcame death Himself. He muzzled the force of the sea, says Lane, as He subdued it with His sovereign word of authority. To call His Name and to lean on Him means to cry out and surrender the pain and the struggles of our earthly storms, because it is there where we find our help. It is there where we see the light and experience life in its most meaningful way, where we find strength and courage and comfort, safety, and direction. To turn away from Him, means to live in darkness, to suffer without hope, to always wonder about our purpose in this life.

In Early Christianity, according to Lane, the church was depicted as a boat driven upon a perilous sea. With Christ they had nothing to fear. For them being in a boat with Him, would have been a lesson they would not forget as they went on to preach about Him in the developing of the early church, and endured persecution for their message. As the church today, we have found ourselves in a perilous sea of a pandemic that challenged us about who we are, and how we would survive and come back and review who we are as a church. We have been shaken as a people, as a world, and as a church. We have become more vulnerable to the forces that threatened our health and our existence. But here we are, and we are not alone in this boat. Christ, who is our Lord, spoke in His divine authority to the forces of nature. He can speak now again if we let Him. We don’t know what the outcome of that powerful word would look like, but if we cry out to Him, and maybe let Him know that we are not happy with this craziness going on, and ask Him if He is awake, if we speak like that for real, Christ might give us a powerful answer, instead of “why are you afraid, and why do you have such little faith”? We have work to do. Let our faith and courage do it for us. Let the God of the ages intervene for us and let the church in Barre walk in that power and love and light of Christ. Let us move from a place of vulnerability into the light and divine power of Christ, of God. Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**

*Barre Congregational Church*  
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night’s back in the day,” said Marcinek, who replaced Oliveira as the St. Joe’s player/manager. “We’ve won many home games on Friday nights, and we also lost many games on Friday nights.”

A couple of former St. Joe’s players came back and played in last Friday’s game in honor of Oliveira.

The St. Joe’s players wore #9, which was Karl’s uniform number during batting practice. A Peoples Bank uniform with the #9 on the back was hung on the fence near their bench.

Jim Long, who was the manager for Peoples Bank, passed away during the season several years ago. Karl Oliveira was listed in the sixth spot in the St. Joe’s batting order as the designated hitter.

He was replaced by pinch hitter Josh Skowrya in the bottom of the second inning.

“Karl needed to be in the starting line-up on the night that we honored his memory,” Marcinek said. “Everything that was done tonight was very purposeful.”

Following the first pitch of the game, the ball was presented to Karl’s son, Nathan, who was the senior first baseman for the Palmer

varsity baseball team this past spring.

The St. Joe’s starting pitcher against Peoples Bank was right-hander Jon Miarecki.

“John was always our starting pitcher whenever we played home games on Friday night’s,” Marcinek said. “He returned for tonight’s game and I’m not sure how many more games he’ll be starting for us this season.”

Miarecki, who graduated from Ware High School, helped the Indians baseball team win a couple of championship titles back in the 1980’s.

Marcinek, who played baseball at Quaboag Regional, lost in the state semifinal game against Miarecki and the Indians at St. Joe’s Ball Park.

Two other players, who returned for St. Joe’s last Friday night were Russ Lloyd and Jay Eldridge.

Eldridge drove home both of St. Joe’s runs in last Friday’s game with singles to center field. Both runs were scored by second baseman Ryan Magni.

The rivalry between the two Tri-County league team is like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry. The members of both teams do have a tremendous amount of respect for each other.

“If we’re the Red Sox, they (People’s) would be our Yankees,”

Marcinek said. “They always win and always put a quality team on the field. To win a championship title in this league, you always have to go through Peoples Bank. They’re in the finals every year.”

Peoples Bank has won the last seven Tri-County League titles.

Jon Ferry, who played for Peoples Bank in 2019, has returned to St. Joe’s this season as a player/coach.

Jon’s younger brother, Joe, is in his second season as the Peoples Bank player/manager.

“Jon used to play for St. Joe’s before he decided to play for my team in 2019,” Joe Ferry said. “When Karl passed away, he felt the need to go back over there and be a player/coach. I can’t respect him more as his brother for doing that. I would like to be teammates with my older brother for another season before we stop playing baseball.”

Joe Ferry also played for St. Joe’s and was a member of the 2006 championship team.

“I played with Karl from 2004 until 2008,” said Ferry, who graduated from Palmer High School. “Karl was a great guy and it’s a huge loss for our entire league. He’s a legend in Palmer. This has always been a friendly rivalry and he spoke highly of everyone on our team. It’s always a lot of fun playing against St. Joe’s.”

St. Joe’s (1-1) held a 2-0 lead entering the top of the sixth inning in last Friday’s contest.

Peoples Bank scored a pair of runs in that frame, which tied the game at 2-2.

Both teams stranded runners in scoring position in the seventh inning

Dave Clark, who was a pinch hitter for Peoples in the top of the sixth, beat out an infield hit leading off the top of the eighth inning. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a balk. Then shortstop Devin Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019, flied out to left field. Clark did not immediately break towards the plate on the play, but when the left fielder’s throw home skipped away from the catcher, he was able to score the go-ahead.

Righty Garrett Baker, who had replaced Peoples starter Jake Graveline with one-out in the sixth, wound up being the winning pitcher. He walked St. Joe’s Brandon Magni with one-out in the seventh before retiring the next two batters with a strikeout and flyout ending the ballgame.

“This was a very big win for us,” said Joe Ferry, who’s team entered this week’s action with a 2-0 record. “It was one of those games where we were challenged.”

## Obituaries

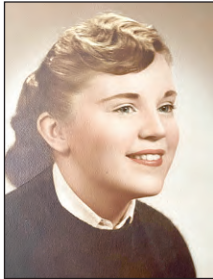
### Ellen Mowrey, 80

HUBBARDSTON – Ellen Mowrey, 80, passed away on June 15, 2021 in Holden Rehab and Nursing Center after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer for over 12 years.

She is predeceased by her husband of 18 years, Chet Mowrey; grandsons Ryan and Mickael, son-in-law Bill MacWilliams and her beloved parents, Tom and Rita Moroney.

She is survived by her siblings, Marnie Brennan and her husband Tom of Anchorage, Alaska, Robert Moroney and his wife Nancy of Falmouth and Thomas Moroney of Liberty, South Carolina. She is also survived by her children and their spouses, Beth Kelly, and husband Joe, Lynne Franciose, Robert Jette, Susan MacWilliams, Brian Jette and wife Tracy, Eric Jette and wife Emmanuelle, Karen Godfrey and husband Mark. She will be dearly missed by grandchildren, Samantha, Graham and Sam, Hannah and Colin, Ben and Emily, Tyler and Harry, Remy and Stephan, Tanner, Evan and Henry as well as great-grandchildren Angelina, Joseph and Donavyn.

A champion of the less fortunate, Ellen and family took in many a wayward soul who needed a bed (or more often a floor) and nourishment. An early advocate of the Civil Rights and Catholic Worker movements as well as a follower of non-traditional “hippie” priest Bernie Gilgun, Ellen was passionate in her feeding the mouths and souls of many in her weekly post-Mass meals at the House of Ammon. As a single mother with seven children in the mid 1970s, Ellen went back to school, became an apprentice baker and eventually became food service director



of the Wachusett Regional School District. With the help of a dedicated staff, she introduced an innovative and nutritious menu that not only was profitable, but became the model for many school districts in

Massachusetts.

Ellen was also passionate in providing opportunity to special needs students in her kitchens, something she was immensely proud of long after her retirement. An expert baker of delicious desserts and pastry, amazing French bread, and of course her famous pizza, no visitor went away hungry. Ellen loved all things culinary, folk music, her bird feeders as well as her amazing flower garden. And, to the end, always had fresh cut flowers in her room. The appreciation she had for natural beauty, especially her love of the ocean, lives in the hearts of her children, grandchildren and all who knew her.

Memorial calling hours for Ellen will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. The funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Mustard Seed Catholic Worker, 93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, MA 01609. For an online tribute and guestbook, please visit [Pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://Pillsburyfuneralhome.com).

### DEATH NOTICE

**Mowrey, Ellen**  
Died June 15, 2021  
Funeral Service June 26 at 12:30 p.m.  
Pillsbury Funeral Home

### PIONEERS, continued from page 7

Carlos Ferrando.

“I’ve really enjoyed having those guys playing in front of me this year,” Mullen said. “They just love playing defense.”

Gutierrez, who was the Pioneers game captain, suffered a left ankle injury at the end of the first half. He was replaced by Federico Ucar at the start of the second half.

“Losing a player to injury like Federico Gutierrez definitely hurts a lot,” Mullen added. “We do have some talented players on the bench. Federico Ucar came in and played very well.”

Mullen took over the captain role from Gutierrez during the second half.

“Being a captain of this soccer team is something that you always dream about,” he said. “It was a huge honor for me to be captain for the first time during the second half. I really appreciate Federico giving it to me.”

The Pioneers captain is Maxi Viera, who has missed the past couple of matches with an injury. Connor Hicks, who’s from Monson, is also sidelined with an injury.

Just like the fans sitting in the stands, Mullen has enjoyed watching the duo of forward Patrick Agyemang and midfielder Ignacio Lerech combine offensively. They’re both first-year members of the team.

“Patrick and Ignacio have combined so well together. It seems like they’ve been playing together for years,” Mullen said. “Both of them are always looking to score goals and it’s awesome

having them play for our team this year.”

During the 8th minute of the last Friday’s match, Agyemang sent a forward pass to Lerech, who sprinted down the right side in front of a defender before firing a shot into the left corner past AC Connecticut goalie Jan Tofern for a breakaway goal giving the home team an early 1-0 lead.

“Scoring a goal is the best feeling in the world, but the most important thing is that we won tonight’s game” Lerech said. “Our goalie and the defense deserve a lot of credit because they’re doing an amazing job. Everyone just did a great job tonight.”

While the Pioneers had several more scoring chances, the score remained 1-0 until late in the first half.

During the 41st minute, Lerech sent the ball into the box from the left side and Jordan Koduah tapped it into the back of the net.

The best scoring chance for AC Connecticut came during the 63rd minute when Mullen tipped a shot attempt by Pascal Derwaritsch over the crossbar resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the match.

A line drive shot by Khalid Rose was deflected away by Tofern and the rebound shot by Martin Oyenard skipped wide. Another shot by Rose sailed wide a couple of minutes later.

The Pioneers did put a shot into the net during stoppage time, as Guillermo Deal connected with Yosuke Hanya, which sent their faithful supporters home happy for the second week in a row.

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## OBITUARY POLICY

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, June 6**  
9:45 a.m. Assault and Battery Hubbardston Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
Summons: Christopher L. Alexandrovich, 47, Gardner  
Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon  
11:56 a.m. Larceny/Theft Peach Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, June 7  
12:31 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Summer Street – Investigated  
Summons: Neyshkady Melendez, 27, Revere  
Credit Card Fraud Under \$1,200 c266 §37B(g)

**Tuesday, June 8**  
5:51 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Ruggles Lane – Referred to Other Agency  
10:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
10:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued

**Wednesday, June 9**  
9 a.m. Serve Warrant Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: James Fenner, 37, South Barre

Warrant  
**Friday, June 11**  
7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Mechanic Street – Citation Issued  
8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
8:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Mechanic Street – Citation Issued  
9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Hubbardston Road – Citation Issued  
9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Wheelwright Road – Citation Issued  
9:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Officer Spoke to Party  
9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Chamberlain Hill Road – Citation Issued  
11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Peach Street – Citation Issued  
11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main

Street – Citation Issued  
11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
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12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Circle Road – Citation Issued  
1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued  
1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued  
3:32 p.m. Low Heart Rate Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency  
9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop School Street North – Citation Issued

**Saturday, June 12**  
12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued  
4:38 p.m. Larceny/Theft West Street – Investigation (On-going)  
5:56 p.m. Vehicle Fires Worcester Road – Fire Extinguished

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, June 6**  
12:45 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries New Westminster Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Brian W. Moore, 29, Rutland  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With

**Monday, June 7**  
4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
Summons: Rajonius T. Watson, 24, Worcester  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Inspection/Sticker, No

**Tuesday, June 8**  
7:33 a.m. Falls Chippewa Street –

Transported to Hospital  
8:21 a.m. Vandalism Mt. Jefferson Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:50 p.m. Vandalism Worcester Road – Report Filed

**Wednesday, June 9**  
2:50 p.m. Harassment Plum Tree Lane – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Sharyn L. Girouard, 38, Holden  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit  
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire Williamsville Road – Report Filed

**Saturday, June 12**  
5:20 a.m. Sick/Unknown Old

Princeton Cutoff Road – Referred to Other Agency  
11:27 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Pitcherville Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Templeton Road – Citation Issued  
6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
7:32 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues Gardner Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Karla Antonucci, 31, Hubbardston  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

# Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO21P1952EA  
Estate of:  
John Edmund Foley  
Date of Death: 11/29/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gail A Raney** of Barre, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Gail A Raney** of Barre, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 09, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
06/24/2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
**PROJECT:** Wheelwright Pond Dam Removal Project  
**LOCATION:** Hardwick and East New Braintree, Massachusetts  
**PROPOSER:** Raitto Industrial Park, Inc.  
**The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before June 15, 2021.**  
**This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:**  
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**During the interim Covid-19 response period, electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Hardwick and New Braintree.**  
The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should email [MEPA@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA@mass.gov). Mail correspondence will continue to be accepted, though responses may be delayed. Mail correspondence should be direct to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.  
**By** Raitto Industrial Park, Inc.  
06/24/2021

## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of June 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 48 building/property checks, 12 directed/area patrols, 8 radar assignments, 4 traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, 9 motor vehicle stops, 7 complaints, 1 motor vehicle accident and 5 animal calls in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, June 7**  
12:29 p.m. Initiated – Complaint High Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, June 8**  
3:02 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Negative Contact  
4:57 p.m. 911 – Disturbance High Street – Services Rendered  
5:55 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Negative Contact

**Wednesday, June 9**  
4:49 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Citation Issued

7:08 p.m. 911 – Misdial Barre Road – Spoken To  
7:42 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Spoken To  
7:59 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

**Thursday, June 10**  
**9:31 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital**  
10:22 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Main Street – Services Rendered  
10:52 p.m. Phone – Complaint Hardwick Road – Investigated

**Friday, June 11**  
9:14 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Off Prospect Street – Transported to Hospital  
3:37 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Lower Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:48 p.m. 911 – Misdial Hardwick Road – Dispatch Handled  
5:05 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Extinguished

5:47 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Lower Road – Gone on Arrival  
7:52 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call High Street – Verbal Only  
10:42 p.m. Phone – Complaint Broad Street – Spoken To

**Sunday, June 13**  
8:41 a.m. 911 – Animal Call Hardwick Road – Taken to Family/Guardian/Other  
11:30 a.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Spoken To  
12:12 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Church Lane – Report Taken  
4:16 p.m. 911 – Misdial Bridge Street – Services Rendered  
7:09 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Lower Road – Vehicle Towed

**Monday, June 14**  
4:05 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital

## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of June 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, 2 radar assignments, 5 traffic controls, 3 emergency 911 calls, 1 safety hazard and 1 scam in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, June 7**  
10:34 a.m. Phone – Complaint Moore Road – Could Not Locate  
3:07 p.m. Initiated – Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Report Taken

**Tuesday, June 8**  
5:41 p.m. Phone – Complaint Unknown – Spoken To  
7:03 p.m. Initiated – Serve Restraining Order Ravine Road – Arrest(s) Made

**Wednesday, June 9**  
11:38 a.m. Phone – Scam Oakham Road – Report Taken  
9:25 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ravine Road – Could Not Locate  
10:54 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Worcester Road – Removed Hazard

## Rutland Police Log

**Monday, June 7**  
6:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Heath B. Bishop, 36, South Barre  
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
10:45 a.m. Falls Carlsons Way – Transported to Hospital  
12:57 p.m. Threats Glenwood Place – Report Filed  
Summons: James J. Sweeney, 58, Rutland  
Threat to Commit Crime  
5:11 p.m. Noise Violation, Party East County Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, June 8**  
7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Brintnal Drive – Report Filed

**Wednesday, June 9**  
10:39 a.m. Harassment Pommogussett Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:30 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Orchard Hill Drive – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, June 10**  
6:55 a.m. Abdominal-Back Pain Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
6:01 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Memorial Drive – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, June 11**  
10:45 a.m. Vandalism Barre Paxton

**Friday, June 11**  
4:17 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Gilbertville Road – Spoken To

**Saturday, June 12**  
6:29 p.m. 911 – Misdial Moore Road – No Action Required

**Sunday, June 13**  
2:43 p.m. 911 – Complaint Ware Road – Services Rendered

Road – Report Filed

**Saturday, June 12**  
2:09 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning Clealand Circle – Transported to Hospital  
10:54 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Prospect Street – Officer Took Call  
3:06 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
3:24 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Prospect Street – Call Transferred  
4:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Maple Avenue – Transported to Hospital  
5:42 p.m. Animal Bite Bechan Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
6:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Main Street – Transported to Hospital

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, June 6**  
10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued  
1:11 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency

**Monday, June 7**  
2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued

6:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, June 8**  
7:48 p.m. Threats Bechan Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, June 10**  
6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

**Friday, June 11**  
7:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Written Warning  
10:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Saturday, June 12**  
5:42 p.m. Animal Bite Bechan Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

## State legislators advocate for adoptees at hearing

BOSTON– Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Sean Garballey (D-Arlington) testified to the Joint Committee on Public Health in support of their bill to grant equal access to original birth certificates to all persons born in Massachusetts. This legislation would remove “gap years” in the birth certificate access law, allowing all persons born or adopted in Massachusetts to access their original birth certificates.  
The bill, H.2294/S.1140, is important as the current law in

the state denies the right to have a record of one’s birth to adopted persons born in Massachusetts between July 18, 1974 and Jan. 1, 2008. Following a practice that was common then, Massachusetts sealed adoption records from July 1974 until 2008 when they embraced the trend towards transparency and allowed adoptees to access their original certificates. The law change, however, only applied to those adoptees born before the records were sealed (July 1974) or after the law was passed (January 2008), creat-

ing a 32-year gap between that has left thousands of adopted people unable to access their original birth documents. The bills filed this session would amend the current law to remove date-based restrictions in providing original birth certificates to adult adoptees, creating a more equitable system for those who have struggled to obtain these important, life-affirming documents.  
For more information on the bill people may contact Senator Gobi’s office by email at [Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov](mailto:Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov).

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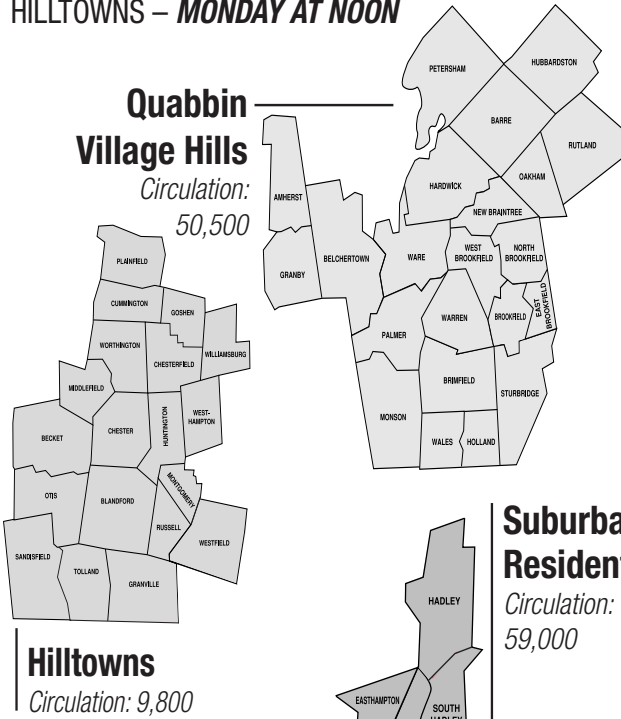
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